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# Patent Public Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

## International Update

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# The IP5

First meeting held May 2007

Members:

- European Patent Office (EPO)
- Japan Patent Office (JPO)
- Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
- State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)
- United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)

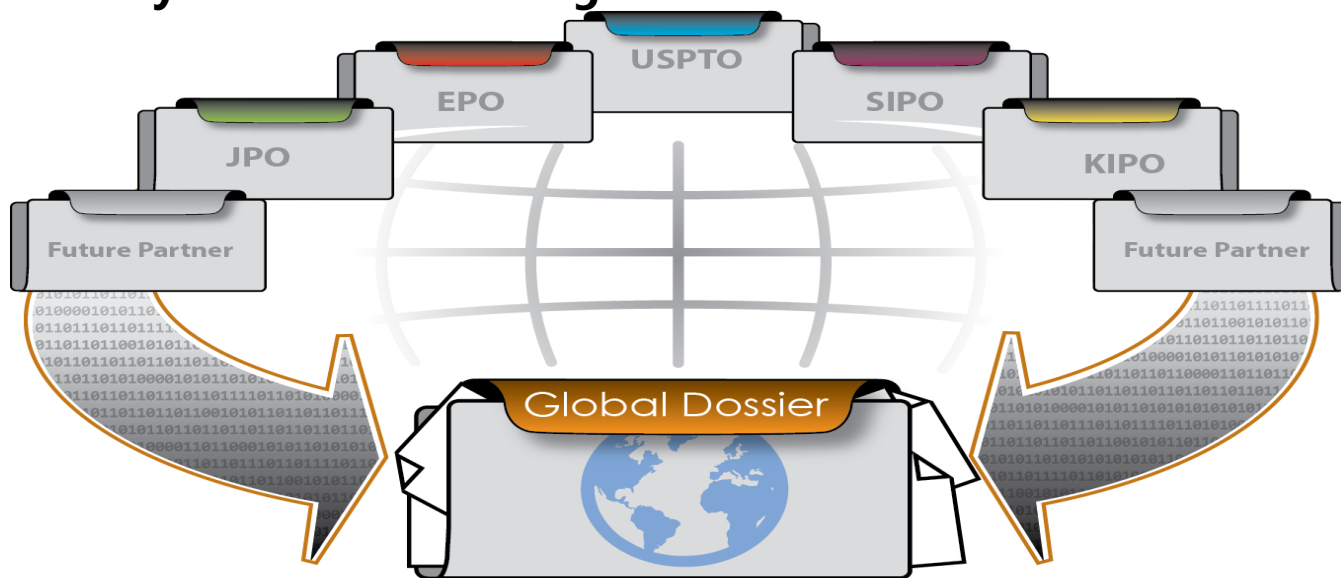
The IP5 handles:

- 80% of the world's patent applications
- 95% of PCT work



# Global Dossier

**Global Dossier is a set of business services modernizing the global patent system and delivering benefits to all stakeholders**



**Services are developed in partnership with the Global Dossier Task Force and all stakeholders: External Users and Examiners**



# Global Dossier Task Force

## Members:

### – **IP5 Offices**

- United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
- European Patent Office (EPO)
- Japan Patent Office (JPO)
- Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
- State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)

### – **Industry IP5 Members**

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)
- Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA)
- Korea Intellectual Property Association (KINPA)
- Patent Protection Association of China (PPAC)
- BUSINESSEUROPE

### – **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**



# Global Dossier Task Force Meetings

January 2013 - First meeting held in the Hague

Met to assess the scope for improvements to the processes supporting the global patent system. Industry representatives set out their specific needs and gave a prioritized overview of the potential results and benefits of procedural reforms.

January 2015 – Second meeting held in Suzhou, China

IP5 Offices reported to industry on progress in the Global Dossier initiative. Significantly, IP5 Industry was able to agree on a number of short-term priorities leading towards the ultimate Global Dossier goal of cross-filing in multiple offices. The five agreed short-term priorities, each to be coordinated by an IP5 Office, are:

- » legal status;
- » alerting (of changes to an application status);
- » XML-based provision of all patent application documents;
- » proof of concept for inter office data exchange;
- » standardization of applicant names.

IP5 Industry expressed their hope to be involved in the process of developing the Global Dossier initiative further.

February 2016 – Third meeting happening this week at USPTO

# Hague Agreement (I)

- The centralized acquisition and maintenance of industrial design rights
  - by filing a single international application
  - for a single international registration
  - with effect in one or more designated Contracting Parties

# Hague Agreement (II)

- Geneva Act - effective in US on May 13, 2015
- WIPO Statistics
  - 4111 International Design Applications filed worldwide in 2014
- USPTO statistics (As of Dec. 31, 2015)
  - Over 130 IDAs filed at USPTO as office of indirect filing
  - Over 950 IDAs filed worldwide designating the U.S.



# ID5 (I)

- Initial meeting held Dec. 2015
- A number of projects and studies were agreed to:
  - Compilation of Industrial Design Statistics (JPO)
  - Development and Maintenance of an ID5 Website (KIPO)
  - Catalog of Eligibility for Industrial Design Protection (KIPO)
  - Impact of Industrial Design on Economies (OHIM)
  - Priority Document Exchange by ID5 Offices (USPTO/SIPO)

# ID5 (II)

- A number of projects and studies were agreed to (cont.):
  - Design Classification Conventions & Practices (KIPO/JPO)
  - Uniform Product Indications (OHIM)
  - Update of the Catalog of View and Drawing Requirements (OHIM)
  - Application of a Grace Period for Industrial Design Applicants (USPTO)
  - Partial Designs as an Effective Means of Protection for Innovation (USPTO)

# PCT Update

- PCT MIA – Santiago Chile – Jan. 2016
  - Quality Subgroup
  - Work Sharing
- 217,300 filings in 2015 (1.4%) growth
  - 57,253 in RO/US (1.3% growth)
- 595,400 national stage entries
  - 85,834 in DO/US

# Questions and Comments?

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